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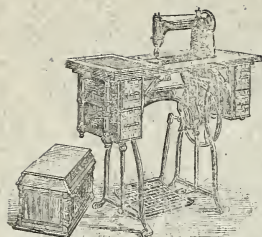
SABBATH SERVICES:

Bible School, 9:30 A. M.
Church Services, . . 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E., 6:45 P. M.
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A WORD WITH THE WOMEN.

In many churches the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies are two separate organizations. In Grace Church there has been but one society organized for a two-fold purpose, namely: to advance the spiritual and temporal welfare of our own church, and to aid in sending the Gospel into foreign lands.

Since the time of the organization of our Society, it has been alive and flourishing. Its membership is composed of women who have been whole-hearted in their service. They have been commended by the pastor as being the faithful servants of the church: even as Paul wrote of Phœbe in Rom. 16:1, 2. They have been ready for any emergency. They have undertaken enterprises that, viewed from a human standpoint, seemed too great, but they have at all times been efficient and sufficient for the work, through the help of their Great Leader—Christ.

Paul admonished the church that they should receive Phœbe in kindness and love, so have the women, who have been so earnest in their work for Grace Church, been received kindly and their labors have undoubtedly been appreciated.

The admonition of Paul did not end here, however. He adds, further, that the church should assist Phœbe in whatever business she needed their assistance. Paul undoubtedly knew that there would be those who would hesitate and not give the church their hearty assistance—even though they did belong to it. It may have been then, as now, that some who were in the church were not servants of the church, but servants of the world. It cannot be that the cause for all this is that the world

offers a better recompense than Christ. The world can give no such joy of heart to its servants as Christ does to His faithful workers. The world offers a few days of gaiety and of levity, and then of final disappointment. Christ offers the joy of an approving conscience, and an eternity of happiness in the world to come. There are many women who are members of the church who are not fulfilling the command, "Do whatsoever your hands find to do." They have never been smitten to the earth by the power of God, and been made to cry out, "Lord what wilt Thou have me do?" There are many professed followers of Christ who are blind to the needs of Christ's kingdom, and seem content to remain so. They are shutting the doors of their hearts to the light, and will not hearken to the voice of the Lord calling for more laborers to work in His vineyard. Their time and talents are employed in furnishing entertainments for the world. Oh! Why will the followers of Christ spend their time in worldliness? What a power for good would the Ladies' Society of Grace Church become if every woman whose name is upon the church record, would not only give her time and talent to the work of the church, but write her name upon the records of the organizations of the church in preference to those of the world. There is no club so enjoyable as the one that meets in God's house and keeps the fire upon the altar aglow with God's love. There is no auxiliary the world has which furnishes the opportunities for doing good that the different societies of the church afford. May we not hope for a season of recruiting, when the half-hearted christians shall become the whole-hearted followers of Christ, and when the work of the Lord shall receive the full attention from all who call themselves christians.

THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON.

Sabbath evening, March 12th, the pastor will begin a series of Gospel Sermons on the parable of the Prodigal son. These sermons will be illustrated with life-size pulpit paintings. The following is a list of the topics in the series:

March 12, 7:30. The Young Man's Portion of Goods, and his leave from Home. The Fall. Text—And he took his journey into a far country. Luke 15:13.

March 14th, 7:30. The Young Man Spending his Fortune. "Sowing," "Riotous Living." Text—And there he wasted his substance with riotous living. Luke 15:13.

March 15, 7:30: The young man coming to himself, "Reaping," "Be sure your sins will find you out." Text—And he came to himself." Luke, 15:17.

March 16, 7:30. The Homeward Journey. The young man's penitence and conversion. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. Text—I will arise and go to my father. Luke, 15:18.

March 17, 7:30. The Young Man's Return. "The Welcome Home," Confession," Forgiveness," "Acceptance," "Adoption" "Ye must be born again. Text—Bring forth the best robe and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. Luke, 15:22.

March 19, 7:30. The Joy of Salvation. "The Father's House." "The Banquet" "The Guests." Text—Bring hither the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat, and be merry. Luke, 15:23.

March 21, 7:30. The Angry Brother. "Doubters," "Grumblers," "Hypocrites." "For without are dogs and sorcerers, and murderers and idolators, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Text—And he was angry and would not go in. Luke, 15:18.

Excellent singing will be provided for these meetings. The young people are specially requested to assist the pastor and the church in these services. Invite your unconverted friends to come with you. The parents and their children should attend. Every person should come.

SOCIAL and supper at the church parlors Thursday evening, March 9.

MRS. LYDIA KLINE, wife of Frederick Kline, died at her home, 120 Chicago street, Wednesday evening, February 1, aged 56 years and 11 months. Mrs. Kline had been in failing health for some months past, but her illness was not supposed to be so serious until a few days prior to her death. On Sabbath evening, January 29, she received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, and thus dedicated herself to the Lord. She expressed herself repeatedly before death as being fully prepared to meet her Lord and Master. She was kind and affectionate to her family and friends. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband and a large circle of friends. The funeral services were held at the Grace Church, Saturday afternoon, February 4. May the Lord comfort the bereaved husband and friends; in their sorrow may they realize that the Lord is able to comfort all who put their trust in him.

At a recent meeting of the consistory the Church Building Committee was revised, and is now composed of the following gentlemen: A. K. Zartman, D. W. Souder, R. L. Romey, James Vining, Levi Bolender, C. C. Gumpfer, John Vordermark. The Committee will have a meeting Tuesday evening, March 7, to talk over some plans for the new buildng.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

Do not allow imaginary hindrances to keep your children from Sabbath school. Do not allow yourselves to sleep away the hours in which you should be making preparations for Sabbath school and church. Do not frame trivial excuses to your children for not sending them to the Sunday school. Be sure that in after years they will have learned your hypocrisy. Do not allow your children to spend the hours of the Sabbath in worldly pleasures, such as playing games, reading novels, skating, playing ball, etc., if you do not want them to do these things when they grow older. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart therefrom." Prov. 22-6.

There are a goodly number of new scholars coming into the school, and while we are welcoming them let us not forget to care for those who have been in the school for a long time.

The Pastor's Note Book.

EASTER communion, Sabbath morning, April 2.



HAVE you renewed your subscription for the VISITOR? If not, you should do so at once.



THE health of our people has been excellent for some weeks. Very few have been on the sick list.



ROBERT YENNEY and Miss Rebecca Parker, both of Fort Wayne, were married at the parsonage, Thursday evening, February 4.



THE Communion service held January 29 was very largely attended. The next communion will be held on Easter Sunday, April 2.



MISS VERNON, from Millersburg, Ind., has been spending several months with the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Sneider, 23 Hoffman street.



OUR Gospel services still continue, and will be held until the Easter season. As a member of Grace Church, how much are you doing to increase the attendance and interest of these meetings.



RECENT accessions to the church: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chadwick, 38 Walnut street; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albright, 23 Walnut street; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Habecker, Division street.



THE congregation is becoming familiar with quite a number of the excellent hymns in Nos. 5 and 6, and sing them with a hearty appreciation and delight. When you come to the service, come with a purpose of joining in the song service with a whole heart.



THE liberality of some people is certainly to be commended, while the penuriousness of others deserves to be severely censured. For example, here is a family, the father and mother pay to the church fifty cents per week. Two or three of the children are also members of the church and pay each ten cents per week. Here is another family, in far better circumstances, but their weekly offerings are a mere trifle as compared with the other family.

THE little son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Grisso, of Springfield, Ohio, has been quite sick. May this little one be spared to its devoted parents, is the wish and prayer of their many friends in Grace Church.



NO MAN liveth unto himself. Are you shedding forth the right kind of a light into a sinful world? or is your life a shadow falling across the pathway of some erring companion or friend, and keeping them out of the true light?



REV. R. C. ZARTMAN, pastor of the Heidelberg Reformed church, Philadelphia, will publish in book form a series of sermons on Heaven which he preached to his church during the latter part of last year. The book will contain about 300 pages, and we feel confident it will be a book of rare interest and profit to every child of God, and should have a wide circulation. To advance subscribers the book will be furnished for \$1.00. The pastor will be glad to forward the orders of any of the members or friends of Grace Church who may desire the book.

THE INFANT CLASS.

The present enrollment of this class numbers 35. This is not as large as it ought to be, but only the names of scholars who have been attending during the year 1893 are included in this number. Many of the little folks, who were regular attendants during the pleasant months, have not been able to come during the winter. It is hoped that, as the weather grows pleasanter, and the walks are free from snow and ice, the little ones may gather in again and fill the room to overflowing. One of the daily petitions of the teacher is, that the class may grow in numbers as well as in the wisdom and knowledge of our dear Redeemer. We want to grow so large in numbers that the little room we now occupy will not contain us, and then we know that the Lord will enable us to provide a larger room. We earnestly request every one who is interested in Grace Church to co-operate with us in bringing in the little children. If you know of any who do not attend Sabbath school will you not please report them to the teacher or visit them yourself and try to secure their attendance.

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The following are some of the congratulatory words received from some of the readers of the VISITOR, since its change in the form and size :

PHILADELPHIA, February 10.

DEAR BRO.:—The GRACE CHURCH VISITOR, in its new attire, reached us this morning. I am much pleased with the greatly improved and enlarged VISITOR. The new VISITOR presents a pleasing appearance and speaks loudly in favor of the enterprise characteristic of Grace Church and its pastor. The VISITOR has made a good record in the past. May it prove still more useful, helpful and profitable in the future.

R. C. ZARTMAN.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Feb. 11, 1893.

Rev. A. K. Zartman :

DEAR BRO.:—I congratulate you on the "change of dress" and tasteful appearance of your CHURCH VISITOR, and read it with gratification. I sympathize with you in your toils and all your sorrows. I enter into your joy in the work of grace in the hearts of the people, during, and through the agency of your Gospel meetings. I am sorry I could not have the privilege of being present, and I rejoice in the hope that I may be able to attend your services the remaining days. I pray that the presence of the Divine Redeemer and the power of the Holy Spirit may bring to you and your people fullness of joy.

Your Brother in Christ,

J. P. LLOYD.

141 East Berry street.

EXCHANGES.

THE New Year and Pastoral Anniversary of *The Chronicle*, a parish paper published by Rev. E. Clark Hibschan, Trappe, Pa., is before us. We are very much pleased with its appearance and contents. It contains, among many other things of interest and delight, very excellent plates of the pastor, of Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, late president of Ursinus College, and also of Rev. H. W. Super, present president of Ursinus College.

THE *Association Herald*, the parish paper of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, is one of our latest exchanges. The paper is published in an attractive form and is very newsy. We gladly welcome this paper among our regular exchanges.

THE first number of *Reformed Church Magazine*, edited by Rev. James I. Good, Reading, Pa., is before us. We are much pleased with this latest publication of our church, and feel that it should find its way into many of our families. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. Cheaper edition 50 cents.

DON'T forget the Ladies' Social, Thursday evening, March 9. Supper from 6 to 8 o'clock ; 25 cents.

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Bible School Hour: Sabbath Morning 9:30.

We are glad to see so many of our old scholars returning. Young friends, we gladly welcome you back.

The rivalry existing between the different classes is certainly commendable, and the VISITOR will continue to give monthly statements of this department of the Bible school.

QUITE a number of the old people of the church have signified their intention of attending the Bible school as soon as the weather moderates. Come along, fathers and mothers, we will be glad to see you.

We have been contemplating getting a black-board for the use of the school. We believe it would be of great benefit for use in the infant department in illustrating the lessons, as well as for the purpose of reviewing the lessons with the whole school.

IT is manifest that an increased interest is being taken in our Bible school. This is as it should be. Parents should, themselves, be more deeply interested in the study of the Bible, and until such is the case, but little hope can be entertained for the young.

THE weekly offerings in the Bible school, for the month of January, were as follows:

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| January 1, - - - - - | \$1 89 |
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| " 15, - - - - - | 2 83 |
| " 22, - - - - - | 3 89 |
| " 29, - - - - - | 4 55 |

Total for the month, - - - - \$16 21

January 1, Miss Nellie French's class had the largest offering—38 cents.

January 8, Mrs. Chas. Gumper's class, 64 cents.

January 15, Miss French's class, 79 cents.

January 22, Martin Connett's class, \$1.01.

January 29, Miss Nellie French's class, \$1.40.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month, 2-30 P. M.

MRS. WINGATE has been suffering severely from injuries sustained by a fall she had soon after the holidays, but she is now recovering very rapidly.

THE ladies will give a social and supper at the church parlors on Thursday evening, March 9. A full supper will be served. A pleasant time is expected. Come and bring your friends. Supper, 25 cents.

MRS. J. L. HORN, who has been ill the greater part of the winter is slowly recovering. During all this time her friends were denied the privilege of seeing her on account of her extreme nervousness. But while this has been true she has had the sympathy and prayers of the church.

THE Ladies' Society met with a goodly number present on Thursday, P. M., Feb. 16. Mrs F. D. Paulus was elected Secretary of the Society. A committee consisting of Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Gumpfer and Mrs. Monn was appointed to formulate a plan for systematic visitation by the Society. The devotional services held in connection with this meeting was one of deep spiritual interest. The women who absent themselves from these meetings are depriving their souls of a rich spiritual feast.

WHAT have you been doing to assist your pastor in making our Gospel services interesting and profitable? Have you been praying for the services, and for your unsaved neighbors and friends? Have you kindly and persistently invited them to accompany you to the church? or are you of the number of indifferent ones who say: We do not so much as even know whether there be any services or not. If this be true how many lost opportunities will condemn you in the great reckoning day. Ponder this matter in your heart now, for soon you must take time to consider. If you have as yet received no stars in your crowns of rejoicing, make a start now and work while the day lasts for the night may soon come.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

February 26. Consecration meeting. Sending portions to others. What have we sent? Neh. 8:10; Acts 3:5-9. Nellie French.

March 5. The Lord's Day. How should we keep it? Neh. 13:22; Matt. 12:8-13. Lillie Walters.

March 12. Neglected Opportunities. The loss to others, to ourselves. Esther 4:14; Heb. 2:1-3. Eugene Mathis.

March 19. Temperance meeting. Prov-23:15-23. Ida Mast.

March 26. Promise meeting. (Bring a promise that you have tasted) Matt. 24:35; Isa. 40:8. Lillie Vordermark.

April 2. Easter Service. John 11:25; John 14:19. Katie Pence.

Monthly business meeting, Tuesday evening, March 7.

THE following are the committees appointed by the president for the ensuing year:

Prayer Meeting Committee—A. K. Zartman, Nellie French, Lillie Walters.

Lookout Committee—Ida Mast, Joseph Chadwick, Birdie Saffen.

Social Committee—Nora Romy, Lillie Vordermark, Lizzie Rudisil.

AT a recent meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Grace Church, nine persons were elected to active membership, and one as an associate member. There are still many of the young people who are not members. A kind and cordial invitation may be the means of securing them for the Society. Do not hesitate to give it.

HOW IS IT about your pledge? Does the record of the first month of '93 say that you have been a faithful member of the Society? Will it be better for the coming months?

EUGENE MATHIS, President of the Young People's Society, can be found at our church doors, at any of our regular services, extending a cordial hand of greeting to friends and strangers as they come and go. Give him a fair chance to take your hand; it will do you good to grasp the hand of a young man now and then, whose heart is full of the love of Christ.

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BEGINNING with March 19, a whole week's service will be held in the interest of the children of the church and of Bible school. Let the teachers, parents and children get ready for these meetings.

WE are now getting into the midst of our building enterprise. The Soliciting Committee is at work. A meeting of the Building Committee and church is called for Tuesday evening, March 7. There should be a large attendance at this meeting.

HELP is solicited from the friends of Grace Church abroad. Our church has never received any help in its building from the church outside of the city. All contributions may be sent to the pastor, and will be thankfully received. Mention of the same will be made in the Brick Builders' column of the VISITOR.

BEGINNING with Sabbath morning, March 12, the Bible school hour, 9:30 to 10:30 will be devoted to children's revival services. Instead of having the regular lesson, and, being taught by the teachers, the service will be in charge of the pastor, and some scripture lesson and topic appropriate for a children's service will be selected.

SOME of the brick builders have been very busy during the cold and stormy month of February. House builders have been lying idle during the cold weather, but the brick builders have been going right along with their work. You will be surprised to learn how fast some have been building. Don't stop for the weather; go right on with the work. The mortar will not freeze, thaw out, rain out or burn out. Who will have the best report to make for February?

In a recent letter received by the pastor from David Zartman, Butler, O., there was found enclosed a \$5.00 check for the new church. This was certainly a very happy surprise as it was altogether unexpected and unsolicited. Mr. Zartman has our heartfelt thanks for the liberal offering. The pastor hopes he may receive many such delightful surprises for our building fund, from his friends and the friends of Grace Church. The above five dollars were passed over to the Brick Builders' Fund.

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